Nagaland and Manipur are affected by insurgency. The other three States, viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram are by and large peaceful.

(b) Factors responsible for insurgency in the States of N.E. Region are complex and inter-linked. These include relative backwardness and remoteness of the region, large-scale unemployment and a perception of being neglected.

(c) In addition to several steps already taken, the Government proposes to strengthen the State Police Forces, further improve co-ordination of counter insurgency operations, sharing of intelligence, continue monitoring and review of the situation from time to time and also expedite economic development of the region.

Police Personnel in Illegal Liquor Business

508 SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn into the news-item captioned "winng and dining under watchful eyes of police" appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 26th December, 1996; and

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of Government to the involvement of the corrupt police personnel in this thriving illegal liquor business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been alleged in the report that the illicit trade in liquor is being carried out at some places in Delhi (Majnu Ka Tila and Yamuna Pusta) with the connivance of police personnel. This is not correct as the Delhi Police conduct raids as and when reports of illicit trade into liquor are received. During the years 1996 and 1997 (upto 31st January, 1997) 43 cases were registered and 44 persons were arrested from Majnu Ka Tila. Similarly, 58 cases were registered and 60 persons were arrested from Yamuna Pusta during the same period. If any police official is found to be involved in such illicit trade, appropriate action against him is taken. During 1996, departmental inquiry was initiated against three police personnel alleged to be involved in such illicit trade.

Unabated Influx Through Bangladesh Border

509. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the unabated influx across the Bangladesh border and Dhubri, the last Assam's border district has been virtually turned into an extention of Bangladesh and gateway for migration into Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the monthly migration of Bangladesh on an average;

(c) the reasons for unsuccessful checking of migrants into Dhubri stating the rise in the number of Bangladeshi migrants during the last one year; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The firgures of interception of Bangladeshi nationals in Assam sector by the Border Security Force as given below indicate a declining trend of illegal immigration in this sector:—

Year	Number
1992	2689
1993	1281
1994	1059
1995	1246
1996	791

(d) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration fo Bangladeshi nationals into India. These measures include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of constuction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of survaillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels.

Injury to Kashmir Girls in Shalimar Express Train

510. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some Jammu and Kashmir school girls going back after the Republic Day celebrations were traumatised/ injured by a gang of armed men on the Shalimar Express near Meerut;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigation and the number of the gang-men have so far been arrested;

(c) whether it is a fact that the bed elements of the nearby villages travel as daily passengers and have made intimidation of passengers a daily routine; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this serious slackness on the part of the authorities for such recurrences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) According to information recieved from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, on 30.1.1997, a group of 25 artistes comprising 5 men and 20 women from Jammu & Kashmir was going back by Shalimar Express after participation in the Republic Day celebrations. There was an altercation over seating in the compartment between some women artistes and daily passengers who reportedly misbehaved with the artistes. 2 BSF jawans and 1 GRP jawan also sustained injuries during the incident while trying to intervene.

A case under sections 147/32/3323/ 353/354/308/IPC and 145 Railways Act has been registered in GRP Merrut. Twelve accused persons have so far been arrested. Three other accused persons have surrendered. Action against two persons named in the FIR was taken under the National Security Act and they have been served externment notices by the District Magistrate.

(c) and (d) Such incidents are not reported to be daily occurrences on running trains but, as a preventive measure, joint checking of trains by police and railway officers is done on regular basis.

Meeting of Inter-State Council

511. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Inter-State Council which held in January and February this year;

(b) the subjects discussed thereat;

(c) the details of subjects agreed to by Centre and State Governments;

(d) the number of subjects on which Central Government had agreed for written responses of the State Governments; and

(e) the response of the States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (e) No meeting of the Inter-State Council was held during January and February this year. However, the first meeting of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council was held on 15.1.97 to review and update the